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'Learn to give,' says peace man

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CAPE TOWN. — One of the world's strongest and probably best-known crusaders for world peace, Mr Herbert W. Armstrong, had a clear message for troubled humanity yesterday: "Learn to give and we will have peace."

But, as he explained at a Press conference held here shortly after his arrival from Johannesburg, "giving instead of getting is one of the most difficult things for human nature to accept."

Mr Armstrong, editor-in-chief of the 12-million circulation magazine Plain Truth, came to South Africa last Wednesday as the guest of the South Africa Foundation.

Meetings

He will tour the country for three weeks, meeting the State President, Cabinet Ministers and as many of the 100 000 followers of his movement as possible.

His message, based on the "give-and-get" philosophy refined from a lifelong study of human nature, is simple. But, he admits, "it goes against the grain of human nature."

"But I am not here to bring peace," he says. "I am here to show the way towards peace."

"The natural way of society is the way of get. It is the way of competition, greed, lust and unhappiness, no matter how much was received."

In the opposite direction, towards peace and happiness, was the way of giving, Mr Armstrong said. He said he was pra-

tical proof that his philosophy of concern for others worked.

"Since we started we have not solicited or asked for money or assistance from anyone," he said. Twenty-five charity projects, organised and paid for by his foundation, were in operation all over the world. Three colleges had been built and 12 million copies of Plain Truth were being circulated free.

Mr Armstrong and the vice-chairman of the foundation, Mr Stanley R. Raeder, will travel through South Africa, South West Africa and Rhodesia for the next three weeks, addressing public lectures and meeting leaders in the business, political and other sectors and organising charity projects.

"Mainly we are here to see what is needed and whether we can help to give help," Mr Armstrong said.